

Agency Memorandum of Understanding

Aquatic Invasive Species Expansion Draft Plan

Topics: Suggested expansion areas for next biennium

1. Cooperation with Department of Transportation.
 - A. Expand the number of Aquatic Invasive Species road signs.
 - B. Provide information and training for border personnel.
 - C. Develop and implement quick response procedure for suspect boats.
 - D. Seek involvement of Canada at border crossing stations.
2. Cooperation with law enforcement officers including the Montana Highway Patrol (Department of Justice).
 - A. Consult with law enforcement officers in setting up check stations.
 - B. Seek their support in identifying suspect boats.
 - C. Offer to provide them with materials and a session on identifying Aquatic weeds and mussels on boats.
3. Cooperation with National Parks
 - A. Offer information and training for park staff.
 - B. Suggest that boat inspections occur at all park entrances.
4. Cooperation with the Tribal Governments
 - A. Offer information and training.
 - B. Encourage their attendance at work shops and conferences.
 - C. Provide assistance to help them with their Aquatic Invasive Species programs.
5. Cooperation with other states adjacent to Montana.
 - A. Continue to work with Idaho on the joint mandatory check stations.
 - B. Develop a similar working relationship with Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota.
6. Cooperation with local and regional stake holder organizations such as Flathead Basin Commission, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Clark Fork Basin River Task Force, etc. Sponsor training and dissemination of Aquatic Invasive Species materials.
7. Cooperation with Conservation Districts. Insure that Aquatic Invasive Species is part of the focus of every Conservation District office.
8. Cooperation with electric power generation companies and other businesses that have a vested interest in preventing infestations of Aquatic Invasive Species. Seek donations and explore boat fee options to make the Aquatic Invasive Species program self funding.
9. Cooperation with the legislature. Provide a report to an interim legislative committee such as the Water Policy Committee or the Environmental Quality Committee.